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In re Application of Weed et al. Application No. 09/775,988 Filed: February 2, 2001 Attorney Docket No. IM0877 US CIP

ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) filed by facsimile transmission on January 31, 2002.

The petition is granted.

While a request for a CPA under 37 CFR 1.53(d) and a three month extension of time were filed on December 17, 2002 in reply to the final Office action of June 18, 2002, as the filing date of the above-identified application precludes the filing of a CPA, the request was treated instead by the USPTO as a RCE under 37 CFR 1.114. Since the requisite submission, which must accompany an RCE (but not a CPA) was not also filed, the above-identified application became abandoned on December 18, 2002. This decision restores the above-identified application to pending status.

This application is being forwarded to the Technology Center AU 1752 to process the RCE request of December 17, 2002, and treat the requisite submission of January 31, 2003, which accompanied the petition.

Telephone inquiries related to this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (703) 305-1820.

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